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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia SC 29210

Re: Petition of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina to Establish a new Docket for Purposes of Allowing Electric Cooperatives to Provide Notice of Certain Contracts as Required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-3030(C)(1) of the Broadband Accessibility Act (Act 175 of 2020)

Docket No. 2020-245-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (the "Coalition"), a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service all parties of record will receive a copy of this Petition to Intervene via the United States Postal Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

Burr & Forman LLP

Margaret M. Fox

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## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2020-245-E

In Re:

Petition of the Electric Cooperatives of	)	
South Carolina to Establish a New Docket	)	
for the Purpose of Allowing Electric	)	
Cooperatives to Provide Notice of Certain	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Contracts as Required by S.C. Code Ann.	)	
§58-9-3030(C)(1) of the Broadband	)	
Accessibility Act (Act 175 of 2020)	)	
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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ('SCTC") submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission that:

- 1. SCTC is a coalition of local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."
- 2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record insofar as its interests might appear.
- 3. SCTC's individual member companies are "communications service providers" as defined in the Broadband Accessibility Act. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-3010(8). As such, they have certain rights and remedies pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-3030(C)(1). SCTC's position in this docket is that its member companies are entitled to notice of the filing of contracts pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-3030(C)(1) so that they may exercise their rights

under the statute. Therefore, SCTC and its individual companies have a direct interest in this proceeding.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies

Chesnee Telephone Company

Chester Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company)

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium

Home Telephone ILEC, LLC d/b/a Home Telecom

Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium

Lockhart Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

McClellanville Telephone Company (TDS)

Norway Telephone Company (TDS)

Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

PBT Telecom, d/b/a Comporium

Ridgeway Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista

St. Stephen Telephone Company (TDS)

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Williston Telephone Company (TDS)

#### **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2020-245-E

Petition of the Electric Cooperatives of	)	
South Carolina to Establish a New Docket	`	
for the Purpose of Allowing Electric	)	
Cooperatives to Provide Notice of Certain	)	<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
Contracts as Required by S.C. Code Ann.	`	
§58-9-3030(C)(1) of the Broadband	)	
Accessibility Act (Act 175 of 2020)	)	
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I, Kathy Handrock, Paralegal for Burr & Forman LLP, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene upon the following parties of record by causing said copies to be deposited in the United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to:

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